

HOME HEALTH AIDES, also known as home health care workers and home attendants, are employed by private and public health care agencies to provide home care for the aged or disabled. Home Health Aides assist patients with bathing, dressing, grooming, and moving about. They also prepare meals, clean rooms, do laundry and change bed linens. Workers provide emotional support and give instructions on self-care. They may also care for children living in the home.

Requirements

- ▲ Home Health Aide certificate issued by the State Department of Health Service.
- ▲ Desire to help others.
- ▲ Good judgment.
- ▲ Emotional stability.
- ▲ Ability to work with others in a personal setting.
- ▲ Valid California Driver's License.
- ▲ Access to an automobile.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance is required.

Wages

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| ▲ Home Health Aides
Median hourly wage: | \$9.12 |
| ▲ Average annual wage: | \$20,283 |

Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2006 by EDD/LMID.

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Job Outlook

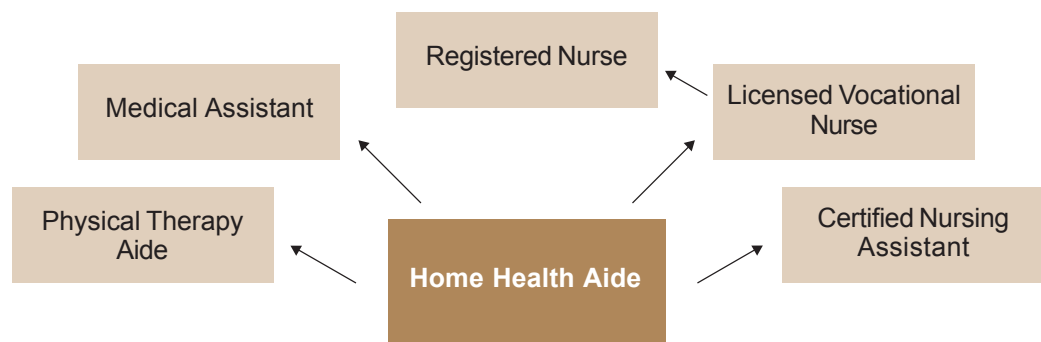
- ▲ Estimated number of Home Health Aides in 2004: 41,200
- ▲ Estimated number of Home Health Aides in 2014: 60,900
- ▲ Estimated annual job openings: 2,510

Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

Sources of Information

- ▲ Department of Health Services
Licensing and Certification
(916) 327-2445
www.dhs.ca.gov/lnc/cert
- ▲ *California Occupational Guide*, No. 461
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Possible Career Paths



The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.